

**ORDINANCE NO. 99-30**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE XIII OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR NONCONFORMING, PROHIBITED, ILLUMINATED, AND EXEMPT SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR PERMITS; PROVIDING FOR VARIANCES AND APPEALS; PROVIDING FOR CLEARANCES AND VISION; PROVIDING FOR STANDARDS FOR ON-SITE SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR TEMPORARY SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR OFF-SITE SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:**

**Section 1.** Section 10-1, "Definitions," of Chapter 10 of the Code of laws is hereby amended by adding the following definitions, which shall read as follows:

**Section 10-1. Definitions.**

**Advertise.** To inform; to notify; to announce; or to attract public attention.

**Animated Sign.** Any sign of which all or any part thereof visibly moves in any electronic fashion whatsoever; and any sign which contains or uses for illumination any light, lights, or lighting device or devices which change color, flash or alternate, show movement or motion, or change the appearance of said sign or any part thereof automatically. The term animated sign shall not include revolving signs or multi-face mechanical (tri-vision) signs.

**Arterial Street.** As defined by the Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan

**Bandit Sign.** Any sign placed on wooden stakes or wire supports that are driven into the ground.

**Banner.** Any hanging sign possessing characters, letters, illustrations or ornamentations applied to paper, plastic or fabric of any kind. This classification shall not include plastic or fabric signs which are permanently attached within a rigid frame which are intended to be used as a permanent sign. National flags, flags or political subdivisions and symbolic flags of any institution or business shall not be considered banners for the purpose of this article.

**Bench Sign.** A sign located on any part of the surface of a bench or seat placed adjacent to a public right of way.

### **DIVISION 3. Off-Site or Advertising Signs and Off-Site Directional Signs**

#### **Sec. 10-1826. Location.**

(A) Off-site or advertising signs shall be located only in the following zoning districts:

- (1) CP - Commercial Parkway District
- (2) C-2 – General Commercial
- (23) M-1 - Light Industrial District
- (34) I - Industrial District
- (45) IC - Interchange Commercial District
- (56) LP – Lake Protection\*

\* When located within one hundred (100) feet of a principle arterial and fifteen hundred (1500) feet of an intersection with a principle arterial/minor collector (or above).

#### **Sec. 10-1827. Spacing.**

Off-site or advertising signs shall not be placed within 1,500 feet of each other on the same side of the road.

#### **Sec. 10-1828. Height.**

The height of an off-site or advertising sign, as measured from the grade of the road or highway adjacent to the location of the sign shall be a minimum of ten feet at the bottom of the sign and a maximum of 50 feet at the top of the sign.

#### **Sec. 10-1829. Size.**

An off-site or advertising sign shall have a size, including border and trim but excluding the supporting framework supports, of a maximum of three hundred eighty (380) square feet per structure.